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1. WANG Chia-hsing, until recently Chinese Communist ambassador to the USSR who has returned to Peiping from Moscow, stated that a result of the Stalin-MAO Tse-tung conference in the USSR was to increase the Korean war effort.

2. In conjunction with this, a decision was made to form an "international volunteer army" of "volunteers" from the USSR, China, Outer Mongolia, Japan,² and European satellites of the USSR.³ The Soviets agreed to supply 1,000 aircraft -- 550 fighters and 450 bombers -- and 400 heavy and light tanks. The Chinese Communists will supply most of the ground troops (approximately 1,350,000) in a total strength of 1,500,000. The commander in chief will be LIN Piao, with KIM Il-sung and former Japanese war prisoner YEN Tien (花田)⁴ as deputy commanders. A Soviet officer will be chief of staff. Headquarters will be at Mukden.

A large-scale troop movement is scheduled in Korea in the latter part of April. In the initial phase the Chinese Communist 4 Field Army will be used as a main striking force on the "right wing of the battlefield," supported by the 5 Field Army, formerly (sic) under NIEH Jung-chen; the 3 Field Army, headed by SUNG Shih-lun (commander of the 9 Army Group), will be the main force on the left wing. The best North Korean units will be selected and formed into special operational units for harassing missions behind United Nations lines. All other international volunteer army troops will be organized into mobile units and stationed on the "second line."

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4. After SUNG Shih-lun was wounded at the Korean front,⁵ he was replaced by KUO Hua-jo (郭化若), his political commissar. Remnants of SUNG's forces, except two armies formed from partially destroyed units, were transferred to Tunghua, Manchuria, to await replacements.

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5. PENG Te-huai is in Manchuria in command of the Chinese Communist 1 Army Group (sic) and had not replaced LIN Piao as commander of Chinese Communist troops in Korea as of 22 March.⁶

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. There have been a number of reports of meetings of MAO and Stalin since late January. [REDACTED] however, report that MAO has been too ill to leave Peiping.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably Japanese prisoners of war.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Reuters has recently quoted the Hong Kong Times as saying that an international volunteer force of 10 divisions to aid the Communists in Korea is in the process of formation. The force will comprise 2 Russian divisions, 2 Mongolian, 2 of former Japanese POW's, 2 Ukrainian and 1 Czech divisions.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] for previous reference. His Japanese name would be IWADA.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] concerning SUNG's being wounded.

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] PENG commands the 1 Field Army, of which the 1 Army Group is part.

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